

I listen to and support the concept and implementation of XM (satellite) radio. The current effort by conventional radio-supported lobbies to limit the ability of satellite radio broadcasting companies from incorporating local content on their broadcast channels is a disservice to the millions of existing satellite radio consumers. Additionally, the request by conventional radio companies for government intervention to remedy a situation that exists purely because of the development and deployment of new technology and market demand fly?s in the face of the principle and function of free market enterprise.

I urge you to enhance the abilities of satellite radio broadcast organizations to provide local content to their listeners rather than handicap the service. Conventional radio is facing a new and developing form of competition and should be required to adjust to that competition just as any business venture would have to make choices when faced with new or unexpected obstacles. To see conventional radio running to the FCC and Congress for help in dealing with the new kid on the block is not that far in analogy from siblings running to their parents to resolve normal developmental conflict issues. I think it's time for the conventional radio organization to grow up and learn to meet new challenges to their turf without the help of 'Uncle'.